
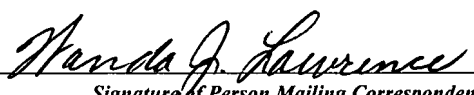


<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>					Docket No. <b>1-23664</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Richard A. Marando et al</b>						
Application No. <b>10/758,946</b>	Filing Date <b>January 16, 2004</b>	Examiner <b>Saifang Afzali</b>	Customer No. <b>27210</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3726</b>	Confirmation No. <b>6175</b>	
Invention: <b>CAST ALUMINUM NODES FOR CONNECTING VEHICLE FRAME MEMBERS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME</b>						
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Filed: January 16, 2004	)	
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For: CAST ALUMINUM NODE FOR	)	Confirmation No. 6175
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MEMBERS AND METHOD OF	)	
MANUFACTURING SAME	)	Attorney Docket 1-23664

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

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